



# HIGHLAND GROUP

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Ms. Irene Flannery  
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Washington, D.C. 20037

**Re: Highland Cellular, Inc.  
Certification for High-Cost Loop Support  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

This certification is submitted on behalf of Highland Cellular, Inc. ("Highland Cellular") in accordance with FCC Rule Sections 54.313 and 54.314. On behalf of Highland Cellular, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support provided to the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.


Highland Cellular, Inc.

By: 

Rete Stearns

Its President

**SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED** before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002.

  
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